



[SM-BIO-POWER](#) empowers SMEs in biomedical engineering to participate in EU research. The consortium of ten partners helps SMEs to get their voice heard at the European Commission and gain international visibility for their company. [SM-BIO-POWER](#) also provides information on the latest trends in EU support for biomedical engineering research together with best practice examples from other SMEs in EU projects. An online helpdesk is available for registered users as is personal assistance in identifying funding opportunities and project partners. Personalised updates include selected information such as call alerts, partner searches and consortia and project opportunities. All [SM-BIO-POWER](#) services and information are offered for free. Registration is open at www.smbiopower.eu.

----- read more (long version if user is interested)

Many SMEs find it difficult to exploit FP7 research and development programme opportunities, even though they may be aware that they exist. The relatively long cycles of EU research are not easily matched with the short term practical goals of many SMEs. This mismatch is often evident in SMEs being unable to properly prepare for participation in medium to long-term research programmes, despite a desire on both sides to do so.

The situation has been even less favourable for SMEs in the biomedical engineering and medical technology areas (BME/MT). To date, these specific areas have not received significant funding from European framework programmes and therefore SMEs have struggled to join. While we do not claim to be able to directly influence the priorities of the seventh framework, we certainly intend to serve as the voice of biomedical engineering SMEs. By representing a large group of BME/MT SMEs and raising more awareness of the needs and importance of this domain at a decision-makers level, perhaps we can make a difference to future Calls for Proposals and funding opportunities available to BME/MT SMEs.

The aim of [SM-BIO-POWER](#) is to treat SMEs differently and more carefully in order to achieve greater participation in FP7 activities. [SM-BIO-POWER](#) will help SMEs know and decide about when they should participate in an FP7 proposal and offer specific guidance in tackling EU Project “jargon”.

In order to achieve greater participation, [SM-BIO-POWER](#) envisages massive mobilisation of biomedical engineering SMEs with dedicated information workshops.

These workshops will be targeted on specific topics with the final objective to build interest groups around SMEs specific needs and interests. Our conceptualisation of biomedical engineering includes the following main fields (further sub-classifications available online):

- o Nanomedicine, cellular and gene engineering
- o Biomaterials, tissue engineering
- o Sensors, actuators, electrodes
- o Advanced biomedical instrumentation
- o Multimodal biosignal acquisition and processing
- o Imaging and image processing
- o Diagnostics and laboratory testing
- o Surgery and therapy technologies
- o Home care and telemedicine
- o Biomechanics, orthopedics
- o Clinical decision support systems
- o Safety assurance

If your research interest is related to one of the above, we believe that you should register with us, as you can directly benefit from the project outcomes. You are invited to join our growing community, free-of-charge. Registration is open at www.smbiopower.eu.

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